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BELGRADE FOR AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN, PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY FOR
ILO AFFAIRS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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1. LABOR SECRETARY BLAS OPLE ELABORATED FURTHER ON SUGGESTION
REPORTED REFTEL DURING SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH LABATT
ON MJRCH 9. HE SAID HE HAD MADE SUGGESTION REGARDING BLUE
RIBBON PANEL DURING GENEVA DINNER SPEECH BEFORE GROUP ILO
OFFICIALS INCLUDING MCDONALD BUT NOT RPT NOT BLANCHARD.
SERIOUS PROBLEM OF U.S.-ILO RELATIONS DESERVED SOME INNOVATIVE
STEPS, OPLE ASSERTED.

2. WHILE HE HAD NOT REALLY THOUGH OUT DETAILS OF HIS PROOOSAL,
OPLE SPECULATES SUCH PANEL COULD PERHAPS BE COMPOSED OF SAY
3 ASIANS (HIMSELF, MINISTER SUBROTO OF INDONESIA, AND JAPANESE
REPRESENTATIVE), 3 LATIN AMERICANS, 3 AFRICANS, AND 3 REPRE-
SENTATIVES OF DEVELOPED NATIONS. HE WOULD NOT RPT NOT SUGGEST
INCLUDING ANY ARAB REPRESENTATIVES. SUCH A PANEL, HE
BELIEVED, WOULD GIVE U.S. A GOOD FORUM FOR EXPLAINING
OUR VIEWS.

3. FINALLY, OPLE AGAIN NOTED THAT WHILE ILO FELT IT
COULD SURVIVE FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES, ANY EVENTUAL
U.S. WITHDRAWAL BY TRIMMING PROGRAMS, THERE WAS REAL
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CONCERN THAT SOVIETS WOULD THEN BECOME "BULLY BOYS" OF

ILO. SULLIVAN

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